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CCTIA'S ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Once again, members of CCTIA traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, to attend the annual celebration of the past year's efforts and successes, and to install the newly elected officers for 2013. Hosted by the Paris Hotel & Casino, right on the Las Vegas Strip, attendees were provided with the ambiance of Parisian décor and elegance. The Eiffel Tower, numerous cafés, and a boulevard full of shops presented many opportunities for indulging. And, of course, for those that are of the mindset – gaming of every variety!

Opening Reception

Our festivities began with Friday night's Opening Reception, held in the elegant Burgundy Room. Tempting hors d'oeuvres and a premium bar provided wonderful food and refreshment for the attendees. Here was a chance to catch up with other members you may not have seen for a while, and meet their spouses or significant others.

Also mingling with the members at the reception were representatives from the four vendors sponsoring this year's events: CTL Engineering, Inc., Deslauriers, Inc., Geodatix, LLC, and InstroTek, Inc. Each had a display area at the event where members could discuss new products and technologies. We are very grateful for the financial support of these vendors, in addition to the opportunity to discuss items of interest in this relaxed setting.

The evening wrapped up early (9 p.m.) so those who wanted to could enjoy a late dinner at one of the many outstanding restaurants in Las Vegas, see a show, try their luck in the casino, continue conversations at one of the hotel bars, or just go to bed in preparation for the next day's heavy schedule.

Business Meeting

Saturday morning saw everyone in the luxurious and spacious Versailles I/II Ballroom for a delectable Continental Breakfast. Spouses and significant others were welcome to participate prior to a day of spa-ing, shopping, sight seeing, or whatever type of "ing"-ing struck their fancy.

President John Atkinson called the meeting to order with twenty members and guests in attendance.

David Breitfeller, representing CTL Engineering, Inc., led off vendor presentations. His firm has developed a Concrete Reporting Program (CRP), which is cloud-based and provides rapid, accurate reporting of load delivery and compression testing data for testing agencies. The software complies with all ASTM reporting criteria, and includes extensive statistical data reports. Members who were not in attendance may contact David at 614-276-8123 or dbreitfeller@ctleng.com for detailed information about this innovative program. reports or review prior reports.

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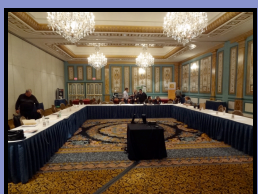
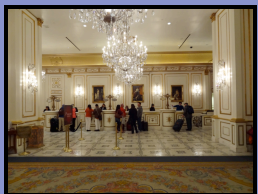
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CCTIA's ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (CONTINUED)

Past President Jeffery Cannon led off the technical program with his historical presentation entitled "Why Is Special Inspection Good For Us?" Many samples of catastrophic construction failures over the past thirty or more years were highlighted, providing background for some of the rationale behind building code development as we know it. As always, Jeffery's programs are informative and entertaining. He has graciously volunteered to donate the PowerPoint program, so look for it on the CCTIA website, Member Tools page!

Jeff Breedlove, representing Geodatix, LLC, was up next on behalf of the vendor sponsors. His firm has developed mobile data management software, also cloud-based, targeted towards field inspection and testing services. The app is built for the iPad platform, and includes the ability to see plans, specifications, and job communications, as well as prepare daily field reports or review prior reports. Members who were not in attendance may contact Jeff at jeff@geodatix.com for detailed information about this app.

Vendor representative Colt Hogstrom, with Deslauriers, Inc., addressed the members next. A past supporter of several CCTIA ABMs, his firm provides concrete forming, testing, and safety equipment. New products this year include a plastic version of the concrete slump cone, recently approved by ASTM, which is more durable and less expensive than the older metal version. If you don't already have Colt on speed dial, you may reach him at 800-743-4106 or colth@deslinc.com.

Guest technical presenter Chuck Kull, with CCTIA member firm Holdrege & Kull, then presented a fascinating and entertaining discussion of the new San Francisco – Oakland Bay Bridge shoring design. If anyone was getting sleepy as the morning progressed, it certainly ended with Chuck's presentation including a video clip of the blasting of the two Yerba Buena Island footings – all done to music! How much fun is it to be in a business where we can blow up and build things every day!

Rounding out the morning was Sean Reilly with InstroTek, Inc., also a past supporter of CCTIA's ABMs. Many of you will remember that his firm acquired CPN several years ago. They continue to provide new and innovative soils and asphalt testing equipment to our industry. Additionally, they provide maintenance and calibration services for nuclear gauges of all types. Please contact Sean at 925-363-9770 or sreilly@InstroTek.com for a new catalog or to get answers to your questions.

The group then broke for an excellent luncheon comprised of Oriental Chicken, Chicken Caesar, ham and swiss, and turkey and cheese wraps, salads, decadent chocolate brownies and coconut macaroons. Yummy!

Our own Mohammad Fatemi, with member firm Alta Vista Solutions, Inc., kicked off the afternoon session with a presentation about the Quality Assurance Program implemented on the San Francisco – Oakland Bay Bridge. Details of the shop fabrication inspections conducted in China were discussed, as well as insights into the design and construction of the Self-Anchored Suspension (SAS) portion of this unique bridge project.

President Atkinson wrapped up the afternoon with a short business agenda including financial and committee reports. Please refer to the meeting minutes for more details on the items discussed.

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CCTIA'S ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (CONTINUED)

Installation and Awards Dinner

Preceded by cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, friendly greetings, and much discussion of the day's events, the Installation and Awards Dinner was enjoyed by all in the sumptuous Chablis Room. President Atkinson's opening remarks acknowledged the considerable efforts of Elizabeth Levi in coordinating the ABM venue and events, went on to outline the major accomplishments of this past year, and was followed by the introduction and acknowledgement of the officers, directors, and committee chairs of 2012. He then turned the program over to Past President Jeffry Cannon, who introduced the officers and directors duly elected for 2013. They are:

Acting President	John Atkinson (Holdrege & Kull)
Vice President	Ross Esfandiari (RES Engineers, Inc.)
Secretary/Treasurer	Paul Fry (Terracon Consultants, Inc.)
Director	Jim Backman (Consolidated Engineering Labs)
Director	Shafiq Popalzai (Twining, Inc.)
Director	Cliff Craig (Kleinfelder)
Director	Mohammad Fatemi (Alta Vista Solutions, Inc.)
Past President	John Atkinson (Holdrege & Kull)

The evening was concluded with the presentation of the Charles A. Hemsley Award.

CHARLES A. HEMSLEY AWARD

Charles A. Hemsley was born in Napa, California on May 6, 1938, and lived his entire life in the San Francisco Bay Area. He started his career in the CoMET industry as an NDT technician, acquired NDT Level III status in the 1960's, and spent much of his early career working on nuclear power plants, nuclear submarines, and fertilizer plants around the world. He became a noted expert in UT, MT, PT, and RT.

In 1985 he encouraged his wife, Miki, to start Dynamic Consultants, Inc., and worked tirelessly with her until his sudden death to cancer on December 7, 1995. Known to all as Chuck, he was a passionate proponent of our industry, and served as our organization's liaison for many years on the ICBO Special Inspector Certification Committee and the Tri-Chapter Special Inspection Committee.

In honor of Chuck's extraordinary efforts on behalf of the industry, CCTIA instituted the Charles A. Hemsley Award in 1996. The award is given only when, in the opinion of the current Past President, a member has best exemplified Chuck's spirit in promoting the professionalism of the industry and this organization. It was first presented in January 1997.

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Charles A. Hemsley
1938 – 1995



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CHARLES A. HEMSLEY AWARD (CONTINUED)

For the first time in its history, the Charles A. Hemsley Award was bestowed upon two recipients this year – Cliff Craig and Miki Craig. Past President Jeffry Cannon presented the honorary plaques to both of them at the Installation and Awards Dinner held Saturday evening, February 9th. He noted their dedication to our industry's efforts spanning more than 40 years for Cliff, and 30 years for Miki. Both are Past Presidents of the organization, have served on numerous committees, and have represented the industry on committees in ACI, ASTM, CRSI, DSA, ICC, ICRI, and SEAONC. Cliff is once again serving on the Executive Board this year, and Miki continues to serve as the Executive Secretary.

CURRENT MEMBERS

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UPCOMING MEETINGS...

APRIL 25, 2013 – 3:00 P.M. – GENERAL MEETING

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON, 5115 HOPYARD ROAD, PLEASANTON

MAY 23, 2013 – 3:00 P.M. – GENERAL MEETING

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON, 5115 HOPYARD ROAD, PLEASANTON

JUNE 27, 2013 – 3:00 P.M. – GENERAL MEETING

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON, 4900 DUCKHORN DRIVE, SACRAMENTO

